

LETTERS

Amendment 2 'downright ugly'

Those who choose to involve themselves in politics have a duty to speak out on the important issues of the time; in other words, a duty to lead. Yet, our leaders of both parties have been sadly silent on Amendment 2.

Our leaders have been silent when we most need their voices to cry out against the injustice of Amendment 2. As the state representative for House District 22, I condemn Amendment 2; it stands for discrimination, not "family values."

As a practicing attorney, I say that Amendment 2 violates both the Colorado and United States constitutions. As a citizen, I say that I will not tolerate my government approving discrimination against people. Finally, as the state representative for House District 22, I say: Follow me in voting "no" on 2; follow me in speaking out against injustice.

The forces of intolerance learn well. In the South, words and ideas defeated the clubs, dogs and fire hoses and police officers enforcing discrimination. Now, those favoring discrimination have embraced the tactics that defeated segregation: words, ideas, and the power of the ballot.

We must expose Amendment 2 for what it is: backward, discriminatory and downright ugly. Save Colorado's Bill of Rights and save Colorado's reputation as a place of liberty and justice for all. Vote "no" on Amendment 2.

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WORKPLACE

Families now come first for many men

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Brandon Tartikoff quit as head of Paramount Pictures Corp. to spend time with his injured daughter, he did something that once would have been inconceivable but now reflects an important fact of American life.

The decision by one of Hollywood's most creative executives to put family ahead of career is a high-profile example of powerful forces in the work place that are reshaping how men view their professional vs. private lives.

"I think there's a better understanding that men have these responsibilities," said Dana Friedman, co-president of the Families and Work Institute, a New York-based research group that evaluates how com-